

REMARKS**I. Status of the Application**

Claims 9-28 are pending in this application. Claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 22 have been withdrawn from consideration. In the March 6, 2009 final office action, the Examiner:

A. Allowed claims 9-11 and 14;

B. Rejected claims 17-18, 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,292,492 to Bonomi et al. in view of US 6,587,471 to Bass et al.;

C. Rejected claims 25-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonomi et al. in view of Bass et al.

The allowance of claims 9-11 and 14 is gratefully acknowledged. In this response, applicants have cancelled rejected claims 17-19, 20-21 and 23-28, without prejudice. All of the remaining claims have been allowed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the application is in a condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and advancement of the case to allowance is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted the applicant has made a patentable contribution to the art. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is therefore respectfully requested.

In the event applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of an additional fee, the applicant conditionally petitions therefore, and authorizes any fee deficiency to be charged to deposit account 13-0014.

Respectfully submitted,

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